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In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/435,540

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For: METHOD OF COMBINING INTERNET  
PROTOCOLS FOR SESSION SETUP,  
TEARDOWN, AUTHENTICATION,  
AUTHORIZATION, AND ACCOUNTING  
USING THE DIFFERENTIATED SERVICES MODEL

: Group Art Unit: 2766

: Examiner: Not Assigned

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly and independently considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, therefore, no fee is due. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

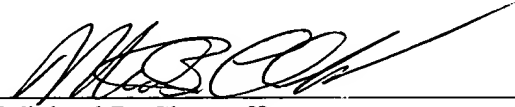
Each of the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 is in the English language.

It is respectfully requested that the documents cited in this Information Disclosure Statement be independently considered by the Examiner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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